Lawrence Gross

Chief Information Officer & Chief Privacy Officer

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On November, 2, 2015, the FDIC Board of Directors approved the appointment of Lawrence Gross, Jr. to the position of FDIC Chief Information Officer (CIO). Mr. Gross in his role as CIO reports directly to the Chairman and provides leadership to the Division of Information Technology and the Information Security and Privacy functions and operations. Further, Mr. Gross serves as the chief advisor to the Chairman, Board members, and senior executive managers on all strategic issues relating to information technology (IT), including governance, investments, program management, strategic planning, privacy and security. Mr. Gross has more than 39 years of combined military and federal sector experience in the information technology, law enforcement, cybersecurity, and critical infrastructure fields.

Prior to his appointment at the FDIC, Mr. Gross served as the CIO for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA). In addition to his leadership role at the Farm Services Agency (FSA), Mr. Gross served for five years as the Deputy CIO at the Department of the Interior where he was responsible for the management and oversight of Interior's .5 billion dollar IT portfolio and operating budget, as well as providing day-to-day executive leadership and strategic direction to IT federal and contractor staff.

Mr. Gross holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland, University College, and he holds a CIO Certification from the National Defense University. Mr. Gross is a member of several professional information technology-related organizations, and is the recipient of several prestigious military and civilian awards including the Presidential Award for leading the Federal Financial Management Line of Business Initiative, the Department of Energy's, Secretary's Award for Leadership in Electronic Government, the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Award, and the Federal 100 Award which recognizes government and industry leaders who have played pivotal roles in the federal government IT community—individuals who have gone above and beyond their daily responsibilities and have made a difference in the way technology has transformed their agency or accelerated their agency's mission.